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Tablets

By R. E. NEALON
Mail Tribune Table Rock Correspondent

We thought the tax business was over and with it the griping and grumbling for this year, but the arrival of property tax statements from the Sheriff's office caught many flat-footed, so to say, having hardly recovered from the trying tax repeal election. The statements were much higher, it seems, than many expected. Some probably thought they wouldn't have any taxes to pay since the "no" vote carried, and they thought it meant what it said, no taxes.

It is our opinion that unless the legislators now in session pass some form of tax bill that will raise some millions of dollars, or the services of the state including schools and all other services are severely cut, we will really see some high property taxes next year. A general sales tax has been mentioned, but that has been on the ballot five or six times, but each time has been snowed under, as Oregonians don't care for a nuisance tax of this kind. The Oregon State Grange has fought it tooth and nail each time it has come up. They claim it puts the burden of taxation on those least able to pay. Those in the lower income brackets pay a higher per cent of their income for living expenses, while those making \$50,000 or more have to spend only a small percentage for living expenses. Roscoe Roberts, Jackson County Grange deputy, put it this way: "I know it is a rich man's tax bill for they are all for it each time it comes up."

Some would have the state go into the gambling business, using the winnings in lieu of taxes. Well, if we are going into a shady business why not license hold-up men, and make them split their loot with the State.

We note that a Rogue River woman berates us for getting E A into the brainwashing deal. What she refers to was quotes from a letter we received from a disgruntled reader of the Tablets and evidently a reader of E A's editorials. I am sorry I didn't make it plain enough that the words were not mine. The writer said we had lowered ourselves several steps on the ladder of good journalism by referring to the charge that the M.T. was a controlled press as hogwash (probably he didn't know he had, he really hasn't lost anything). In the last general election, E A published the names of candidates he was supporting, and why he wanted them to win. We did the same in the Tablets, and our list of candidates was not the same as his, but he let them go through as they were. He could have chopped them out. E A and we get along fine. We always have respected our superiors, even our shavetail lieutenant in the R.O.T.C. during World War I.

Speaking of letters, we get many. Some we don't have time to answer, for, after all, Tablets is just one of our many activities. We and our better half are kept busy trying to keep the wolf from the door.

One letter we received some time ago was the most flattering we have received during our 50 years of scribbling, and we hope we can keep on doing the things that cause her to think we are such a good writer.

Mrs. John Thomas of the Table Rock store returned from Colorado where she was called by the illness of her son.

In reading O S's column, we see she has run in a little comedy picked up on the street corner while waiting for the lights to change. We are not trying to trump her's, but here is one on Kansas law. It may not be in effect now, but was a few years ago. "When two trains meet on a crossing, both shall stop, and neither shall start up until the other has gone."

Thought for the day — The proof of the pudding is in the eating.

Full Evening Set For Halloween Party At Gold Hill

GOLD HILL—A full evening of entertainment has been planned for those who attend the annual community halloween party honoring teachers of the Gold Hill and Crater High School systems. The event for adults will be held Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 8 p.m. in the Gold Hill Grange hall.

H. D. Force will be master of ceremonies for the occasion which is considered one of the outstanding events held in Gold Hill each year.

All adults in the community are invited to attend whether or not they are a member of any of the sponsoring organizations. It will be a masquerade affair. However, it was stressed by general chairman, Mrs. Cassie Johnson that it is not mandatory for anyone to costume if they do not wish to do so. The important thing is come and join the party, and see the colorful costumes, she said.

The grand march will be staged at 8:30 p.m. A panel of judges will judge the costumes for which prizes will be awarded in several divisions. Best dressed man and lady, funniest costume, most original, and best couple.

Skits will be presented by members of each of the following sponsoring groups: Gold Hill Grange, Garden Club, Health Unit, Lions Club, Parent-Teacher Association, Amethyst Rebekah Lodge No. 97, Odd Fellows Lodge No. 129, Amethyst Rebekah Friendship Club, and Past Noble Grants Club. A social hour will follow the

Cave Junction Youth Lost Overnight

CAVE JUNCTION — Gary Thornhill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Thornhill, was found safe after being lost for 17 hours last week end in Eastern Oregon.

He became lost about 2 p.m. Sunday and was not found until 8 a.m. Monday.

The incident happened in the Lakeview area as his father and a brother Ron were hunting in the Cottonwood Meadows area.

Gary spent a cold night in the woods but built a shelter close to a logging road and stayed there until someone came by and took him back to his camp.

The family had attended the Illinois Valley — Lakeview football game Friday night. Both boys play on the IV team.

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Butte Falls PTA Formulates Plans For Year, Names Committee Chairmen

BUTTE FALLS — The first Parent-Teacher Association meeting of the 1963-1964 school year was held recently to discuss policies and plans.

Informality for meetings was stressed to put parents and teachers at their ease. Teachers were asked to call on PTA parents at any time they could be of assistance.

Since applicants had already been chosen for this year's Girls State, Butte Falls could not send a delegate. It was hoped that the Butte Falls High School would be represented at next year's Girls State meeting.

This year's Parent Teacher Association officers are: John Henshaw, president; Mrs. Charles (Red) Capello, vice-president; and Mrs. John Wolter, secretary. Since the newly elected treasurer, Mrs. Donald Henshaw, has moved out of the community, the executive committee will elect a new treasurer before the November meeting.

Chairmen Picked

Committee chairmen named were Mrs. Duane Burton, room representative and food; Mrs. Louis Cernick, membership and magazine; Mrs. Virgil Conley, hospitality; and Mrs. Henry Tygart, health.

Stewart H. Smith, high school principal and superintendent, introduced those teachers present: Mark Larson, math and science; Carl Elliott, coach, librarian, English and journalism; Mrs.

Roger Harris, second grade; Mrs. Claude Curtis, third grade; Mrs. Allan Pingle, fourth and fifth grades; Gerald Sheehan, commercial courses, eighth grade math, history; Mrs. Mark Larson, seventh grade, health and physical education; Bill Hyde, grade school principal, fifth and sixth grades; Charles Herzberg, eighth grade and music; Mrs. E. Gossett, first grade; Jules Yule, teacher of shop, crafts and science, was unable to attend.

Mrs. Burton announced those room mothers she now has: Mrs. Wolter, first grade; Mrs. Dale Wells, third grade; Mrs. Andrew Hamstra, fourth and fifth grades; Mrs. Charles Ferguson and Mrs. Louis Cernick, fifth and sixth grades; Mrs. Everett Sizemore, seventh grade; and Mrs. Capello, high school. Mrs. Burton asked that anyone wishing to be a room mother please contact her.

Council Report

Mrs. Wolter and Mrs. Harry Dalton recently attended the Jackson County PTA Council meeting. Mrs. Wolter attended the school of instruction for new officers. It was stated that the county councils are to act as the go between for local units and the state.

Elliott announced that his Journalism class is putting out a newspaper, "The Evergreen," a bi-weekly. While it is primarily a school paper, it is hoped that the churches and various

local and civic organizations will submit news and announcements for this paper, he said. The paper comes out on Fridays every other week and news deadline will be Wednesday prior to edition date.

Hyde announced that skating has resumed once again. Since there is a shortage of small skates, the Butte Falls Lions Club will purchase some more. Anyone interested in buying skates for their children is asked to contact Community Hall board members or Lions club members.

Parents must purchase a \$1.00 Community Hall card per adult for insurance reasons before children will be allowed to skate. Skating is 25 cents, which pays skate rental. If children own their own skates, there is no charge.

Help Needed

Supervision help is needed for skating nights. Before older groups start it will be necessary for at least one adult man to help supervise these sessions.

Mrs. Leth Meadows announced that Mother Singers meet every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in members' homes, and anyone liking to sing is cordially invited to attend and join in.

The "Melody Mams" made their first appearance for the year under the direction and accompaniment of Mrs. Meadows. Mother Singers present were Mrs. Tygart, Mrs. Don Jolliffe, Mrs. Conley, Mrs. Capello, Mrs.

Dale Mecum and Mrs. William Harris. Members unable to participate this first appearance were Mrs. Bruce Pingle and Mrs. Wells.

Refreshments were served by members of the executive committee.

NUMBERS LISTED

TALENT — The Talent Rural Fire Protection district now has a business telephone number, in addition to the number to be used for fire calls. The business office number is 535-4222. Persons wishing to report a fire should still call 535-2200, however.

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VISITORS IN MURPHY AREA — These once the Murphy area. The wild geese just flew in wild honkers show no fear as they eat corn from the hands of Janis Willson, 11, on the W. S. Willson ranch near the Applegate river in

Halloween Parade Slated In Phoenix Saturday At 2 p.m.

PHOENIX—A Halloween parade for children is scheduled in Phoenix Saturday afternoon. It will start at the high school at 2 p.m.

The Phoenix Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring the event. Cash prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. All children of the area are invited to enter. Judges for the competition will be Emmett Whitham of Ashland and Mrs. Selma Starr and Mrs. Mattie Birk of Phoenix.

The Phoenix High School band will march in the parade and the Mrs. Dew baton group will perform.

BULB HARVEST

Bulb harvesting is progressing well this year in Del Norte and Curry counties. Several cars of O'Brien and Cave Junction bulb workers commute from there to Smith River daily to assist in the harvest proceedings.

Slides of Trip To United Nations To Be Shown Sunday

CENTRAL POINT—Miss Montebelle Cummings, Grants Pass, United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth representative for Jackson and Josephine counties, will speak and show slides of

Services Held For Former CP Resident

CENTRAL POINT—Graveside services were held October 19 at the IOOF cemetery at Central Point for Robert Lowry of Hemet, California.

He was the son of Mrs. Lillian Lowry of 8322 Steilacoom ave., S.W., Tacoma, Washington, and the late Ernest Lowry, who died July 21, in a boating accident on the Columbia river.

The Lowrys were former residents of Central Point.

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GOLD HILL—Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., a benefit dance will be given at Central Point American Legion hall. Proceeds are earmarked for the Gold Hill I.O.O.F. building fund.

CENTRAL POINT—Sunday, 6 a.m. to noon, Lions pancake breakfast at legion hall.

PHOENIX—Monday, 8 a.m., Talent-Phoenix Businessmen's Association will meet at Phoenix Community Hall. Representatives of the County Assessor's office will discuss property and loan values in the area.

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